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Legislative Assembly - Starred Question - Harijan representation in Co-operative Banks unions, etc Financial assistance to members towards share capital Papers recorded.

REPRESENTATIONS OF HARIJANS IN CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTIONS.

479 - Question - SRI. S. NAGAPPA (On behalf of Sri. S. Guruvulu):- Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that Harijans are not represented in Co-operative banks, unions, stores, building societies, marketing societies and village credit societies to the same extent as other communities; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in order to secure adequate representation of Harijans?

THE HON'BLE SRI. K. CHANDRAMOULI:- (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Membership in Co-operative institutions is not restricted to any particular community or class. Admission of members and election of directors to these institutions are matters left to the discretion of the Board of Management and of the general body of members respectively. Such of the Harijans as wish to become members of these societies may do so and also secure effective representation in the management of these societies. The poor representation of Harijans in the co-operative societies is attributable to their economic backwardness. Steps are being taken to ameliorate their economic conditions.

SRI. S. NAGAPPA:- Arising out of the answer given to clause (a) may I request the Government to come forward and give some financial aid or rather subsidies to those Scheduled Caste members to pay share capital so that they can become members of societies and to request the managements to co-opt one or two Harijans to the directorates?

THE HON'BLE SRI. K. CHANDRAMOULI:- Some steps have been taken already and the Hon'ble Member's suggestion will be considered favourably.

SRI. S. NAGAPPA:- Can I expect that the steps that will be taken will fall in line with the suggestions I have thrown out, Sir?

THE HON'BLE SRI. K. CHANDRAMOULI:- It will be considered.

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Please see the extract from the printed copy of the Assembly Proceedings above. The Hon'ble member has made the following suggestions:-

(1) Government should give some financial aid or subsidies to the scheduled caste members of the Co-operative institutions to pay share capital in order to enable them to become members of the institutions; and

(2) the managements of the Co-operative institutions should be requested to co-opt one or two Harijans to the Directorates.

Item (2) above:- Submitted that directors of a Co-operative Society are elected by the General Body of the members of the society. As such it seems that directions cannot be given to Co-operative institutions to co-opt one or two Harijans as directors as suggested by the Hon'ble Member. No action seems necessary on this suggestion.

Item (1) above:- The Registrar of Co-operative Societies

may be consulted as to whether this suggestion is feasible and if so, to forward an approximate estimate of the expenditure involved in the proposal. A draft Memorandum is submitted for approval.

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(Issued as Memo. No. 14732/N/47-3 dated 28.7.1947).
From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, letter No..13458/47/V.I. dated 15.10.1947).

Please see this department's Memorandum on page 11 c.f. and the reply from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on pages 17-19 c.f. In the circumstances stated by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in his letter on pages 17-19 c.f. no further action seems necessary. For orders whether the papers may be recorded.

Unless a member of a co-operative society pay the share capital he is not likely to take any interest in the working of the society. Any loan that may be granted to such a member (who has no stake in the society) is not likely to be repayable. His surety will ruethe day when he offered to help him.

No further action is obviously necessary.

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